

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – March 20, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for April 3, 2023.

- Option 1 was adopted as set out in the confidential report regarding mandatory capital equipment upgrades for the 9-1-1 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau.
- A Working Group will be formed to address the issue of opioid use and the impact it can have on those experiencing homelessness in the community. The Working Group will be comprised of the following members:
 - Two representatives from Council being Councillors Cipolla and Durnford
 - A representative from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
 - People with lived and living experience of substance abuse, as determined by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and/or other community Working Group members
 - A representative from the Ontario Provincial Police
 - A representative from the Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County Branch
 - A representative from the Rama Health Centre
 - A representative from the Couchiching Family Health Team
 - A representative from the Youth Haven
 - A local Pharmacist (of which provides methadone and NEP supplies)
 - A student representative from each of the Orillia secondary schools (Twin Lakes Secondary School, Orillia Secondary School, Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School);

The Working Group work to provide the following guiding objectives:

- Develop a strategy with actions to strengthen community-based interventions: By working with local organizations and community members to build a strong network of supports, resources, and services for individuals experiencing challenges with opioid use and homelessness;
- Develop a strategy to enhance public education and awareness: By raising public awareness about the community's experience with the opioid crisis and homelessness, further community support and action can be mobilized;

The Working Group will provide a report to Council by September 2023 outlining its accomplishments regarding the guiding objectives with the option to extend the Working Group's mandate for an additional 12 months.

- The report regarding opportunities for partnerships, potential locations and funding sources for the Orillia Community Fridge proposal was received as information.
- Policy 4.2.1.4. - Affordable Housing Incentives Policy was waived. \$189,787.17 will be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Fund to pay the outstanding back taxes for Hillcrest Lodge. Once hired, the City's Housing Coordinator will be assigned to work with Hillcrest Lodge to assist in facilitating the transfer of the land from the Toronto United Church to Hillcrest Lodge. The City will provide a tax exemption by way of a municipal housing facility by-law effective March 16, 2023 until December 31, 2024, or until the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation provides tax exemption status, whichever occurs sooner, with the taxes to be paid from the Tax Rate Stabilization fund. The Mayor's Office will provide a letter to First National Bank outlining the City's support for Hillcrest Lodge.
- The pilot program for allowing backyard hens was deemed a success. The keeping of backyard hens will be permitted subject to the requirements of Chapter 287 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Hen Coop Licensing. Chapter 287 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Hen Coop Licensing will be amended to remove the cap on the maximum number of properties that are permitted to participate in the program and to establish a limit of one licence per lot.
- Staff was authorized to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the Ministry of Transportation to reconstruct a multi-use trail on the north side of Coldwater Road only, from Highway 11 to Murphy Road. Staff was directed to report back to Council once a formal agreement is finalized.
- The Statement of the Treasurer prepared pursuant to Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, was received as information.
- The report regarding annual investments prepared pursuant to Section 8 of Ontario Regulation 438/97 under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and Policy 4.1.6.1. - Investment Policy, was received as information.
- A Working Group will be established to lead and manage the host municipality requirements for the 2024 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference. The Terms of Reference for the 2024 OSUM Conference Working Group be approved as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. The following members of Council be added to the 2024 OSUM Conference Working Group:
 - Coun. Durnford
 - Coun. Czetwerzuk
 - Coun. Leatherdale

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023:

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda - Correspondence for the regular meeting of Council held on March 20, 2023.
- Roger Young was appointed the General Manager of Environment and Infrastructure Services.
- James Caldwell will be re-appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025. The following applicants were appointed for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - To the Affordable Housing Committee:
 - Maggie Best

- Doug Cooper
- To the Orillia Public Library Board:
- Mike Stahls
- To the Waste Management Advisory Committee:
- Sandra Carpenter
- To the Affordable Housing Committee:
- Bre LeFeuvre
- Staff was directed to retain the services of an independent professional planner and solicitor to support the Committee's denial of the Minor Variance application (694 Broadview Avenue) and to facilitate any potential settlement negotiations. \$20,000 be authorized for legal fees to be funded from the City's 2023 Operating Contingency Account.
 - Council authorized Policy 5.7.1.4. – COVID-19 Prevention Policy to be repealed.
 - As recommended in the report DSE-23-07 from the Development Services and Engineering Department, Policy 8.3.1.2. - Additional Notification to Property Owners will be repealed and replaced as set out in Schedule "A". Chapter 363 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Site Plan Control Area will be repealed and replaced as set out in Schedule "B" of the report.
 - Principles Integrity was appointed as the City's Integrity Commissioner and the City's Closed Meeting Investigator for a four-year term from April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2027. Staff were authorized to execute the subject service agreements with Principles Integrity and the required appointment by-laws will be passed.
 - Councillors Fallis, Leatherdale and Czetwerzuk was authorized to attend the Federation of Canada Municipalities' Annual Conference and Trade Show from May 25 to 28, 2023 in Toronto with expenses. In accordance with Policy 1.5.1.1. – Conferences, Conventions and Seminars, the Councillors will be required to submit a report to Council on the information and knowledge gained by attending this training.
 - Staff were directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
 - In consultation with the Recreation Advisory Committee, a report to Council by April 17, 2023 regarding the logistics and costs of establishing community gardens at Hillcrest Park and York Street Parkette.
 - A report by June 5, 2023, detailing the results of the City's new road sand/salt strategy, as well as a general overview of this year's winter control activities.

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